



Foundation *Insider*



Dear Friends,

As I write to you, for the last time in the capacity of board chair of the Jewish Foundation of Greensboro, it's time to tell you a secret....this has been my very least favorite part of the "job."

Having said that, this is my favorite letter to you because I have a platform to extend my gratitude to many, and it is abundant!! I have had such a growing and meaningful 2 years, I will be forever grateful for this opportunity to serve.

I had some lofty goals and some not so lofty....and not all were accomplished, but a good many were. For that I am grateful to an executive committee extraordinaire! Whenever we met, there were tough issues to be discussed and not all decisions were unanimous, and that's a good thing. Voices need to be heard, I respect that, and I think they were. By the time we presented an issue to the board of directors, there was more discussion and again, not everything that was passed was unanimous. This speaks to our board, their passion and dedication to speaking out and following their own gut thinking. We have a great board made up of elected individuals and representatives from each of our affiliate agencies having a minimum of \$250,000 invested with us. This reflects a wide group of individuals from across the state, as well as Virginia and Georgia. Attendance has been good and discussions lively! Again, I am very grateful to all who have served, as well as those who will stay on and continue to serve....our board is the best!!

It is imperative that I thank each of you reading this letter, because of you and your confidence in us, we have grown from our humble beginnings to a Foundation of nearly 80 million dollars!

I owe tremendous appreciation to our staff. In a previous letter, I introduced them to you as being the hard working ladies they are, and continue to be. In addition to Maryann Kingsmill, Debbie Lindley and Empy Perez, we have added Jessica Wisniewski....the Jewish Foundation of Greensboro is indebted to you all, as am I.

And, Susan Gutterman, the heart and soul of our organization! Working with you these past two years has been an honor and a joy. I am so glad we had the opportunity to properly honor you this past year for your 20 years of service...may you continue to go from strength to strength.

One more thing....As I think about our new board chair, Freddy Robinson, the future of the Jewish Foundation is rosy... we are all in good hands!!

So, to quote Bob Hope.....Thanks for the memories!

Foundation Chair